

# April Bulletin



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# From the Rabbi's Desk

ome of you may recall that I wrote about Franz Rosenzweig, one of the greatest Jewish philosophers and scholars of the 20th century, in last December's Bulletin: In 1912, he encountered a distant relative, who was on his way to becoming a significant Protestant



theologian. Out of his own highly literate and passionate faith, this relative challenged Rosenzweig to defend his nominal Jewishness or convert. Having made the decision to convert, he

attended High Holy Day services in a small Orthodox synagogue in Berlin for one last time, but he came out of this prayerful experience reversing his decision. He now declared that he knew himself to be a Jew; that the Jew does not need to seek God, for he is already with God; and that he intended henceforth to recover Judaism for himself and, possibly, for others like him. The circumstances under which this "return" to Judaism occurred had a tremendous effect upon Rosenzweig, leading him to begin writing his magnum opus, The Star of Redemption, while serving in the German Army's trenches during World War I, and continuing to influence his increasingly observant lifestyle until his tragic death from ALS.

Rosenzweig has much to teach us about The Spark Within Us (last year's theme) as well as Prayer and Practice (this year's theme). Something about the prayer service he witnessed moved him in a profound and powerful way, and set him on a trajectory that embraced greater and greater observance. Rosenzweig declared that, in principle, he was open to all religious practice, once he studied it, understood it and could justify it. When asked if he was observing a particular precept, he either answered "yes" or "not yet". And Rosenzweig's philosophy of "not yet" has become a pattern to emulate for many Jews.

Who can argue with this philosophy? It is deliberate, methodical and demonstrates a

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#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES APRIL 2006

Friday, March 31		
Friday Evening Service6:15	pm	
Saturday, April 1		
Hashkama Service7:30	am	
Sanctuary Service9:15		
Tot Shabbat Service11:15	am	
<i>Minha</i> 6:00		
Friday, April 7		
Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service6:15	pm	
Saturday, April 8 – Seminary Shabbat	•	
Hashkama Service7:30	am	
Sanctuary Service		
J.T.S. Chancellor Ismar Schorsch, speaker		
Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Lee Rosenfeld, daughter of Sheri and James Rosenfeld		
<i>Havurah</i> Service 9:30	am	
<i>Minha</i> 6:00	pm	
Wednesday, April 12 – Fast of the First Born	•	
Siyum for the First Born7:15	am	
Sanctuary Service6:45	pm	
Congregational First Seder**7:30	pm	
Conducted by Cantor David Lefkowitz, accompanied by Neil Robinson		
Thursday, April 13 – First Day of Passover		
Hashkama Service7:30	am	
Sanctuary Service9:15		
Minha7:30	pm	
Minha	pm	
Conducted by Rabbi Kenneth Stern with accompaniment		
Friday, April 14 – Second Day of Passover		
Hashkama Service7:30	am	
Friday Evening Service6:15		
Saturday, April 15 – Food Pantry Shabbat	'	
Hashkama Service7:30	am	
Sanctuary Service9:15		
<i>Minha</i> 6:00		
Sunday, April 16 – <i>Hol Hamoed Pesach</i>		
Service7:00	am	
Monday, April 17 – <i>Hol Hamoed Pesach</i>		
Service	am	
Tuesday, April 18 – <i>Hol Hamoed Pesach</i>		
Service7:00	am	
Service6:15		
Wednesday, April 19 – Seventh Day of Passover	J	
Hashkama Service	am	
Sanctuary Service9:15		
Minha6:15		
Thursday, April 20 – Eighth Day of Passover		
Hashkama Service7:30	am	
Sanctuary Service with <i>Yizkor</i> 9:15	am	
Friday, April 21		
Friday Evening Service6:15	рm	
Children's Birthday Service	ρ	
Saturday, April 22		
<i>Hashkama</i> Service7:30	am	
Sanctuary Service9:15	am	
<i>Minha</i> 6:00	pm	
Wednesday, April 26		
Yom HaShoah Memorial Service6:00	pm	
Ernest Michel, speaker		
Friday, April 28 Friday Evening Service	n m	
Followed by Congregational Shabbat Dinner – Rabbi Rachel Cowan, speake	=r"	
Saturday, April 29  Hashkama Service7:30		
Hashkama Service		
Sanctuary Service9:15	am	
Sanctuary Service9:15  Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Polinsky, daughter of Barbara & Alan Polinsky		
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Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

\*Reservations required. Contact FamilyEd@pasyn.org or (212) 369-2600, ext. 121

# From the Chairman

ark Avenue Synagogue is a very special congregation. To give you an example, a few months ago, one of our senior congregants, Harry Kreiger, fell while walking on 86th Street. Ruben Cohen, a



Rabbi Judah
Nadich High
School graduate
and now a
sophomore in
college, recognized
him and rushed to
help him. He called
an ambulance and
his mother, Nadine
Habousha
Cohen. Together all

three generations went to the hospital. After the initial diagnosis, Marlene Muskin took over the care needed to assure Mr. Kreiger's recovery. A few weeks ago, he returned to the Synagogue, and his arrival was rejoiced by all.

I think about this story and many like it where congregants take care of and are responsible for one another. Calls are made when someone isn't in *shul* for a week, food is delivered to a family in a time of crisis, medical care is always arranged when needed, a congregant

walks to pick up another congregant to bring him or her to *shul* on *Shabbat*. The loving efforts of the *Bikur Cholim*Committee and the countless kind gestures of so many of our members should make all of you feel proud that you have chosen to be a part of this congregation.

In February our community suffered a great loss when our oldest and longest-

standing member, Helen Hahn, passed away. She sat in the fourth row on the aisle (a special plaque placed on the occasion of her 100th birthday marks the location) and each week when she arrived you knew that you were seeing a true woman of valor. I have asked Floy Kaminiski to write about her. Her words follow.

Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

#### My Friend, Helen Hahn

uring the past eleven years, I have had the privilege of building a relationship with a unique and wonderful woman who was 45 years my senior, Helen Hahn. I began visiting her regularly in 1988. I was the youngest guest at her 90th birthday party sponsored by Sisterhood at The Town Club. She was the oldest guest at my son Matthew's Bar Mitzvah, seated at the table with my parents and close relatives. We had weekly lunches of tuna fish sandwiches and long reminisences of Synagogue history. When I told her I had invited Orthodox friends to my home for dinner, she lent me a beautiful set of etched glass dishes to ensure that I could provide a Kosher setting. For me, she assumed the role of Jewish grandma, confidante, sounding board, and loving friend.

Helen had a zest for life that allowed her to enjoy things great and small. *Shabbat* services

filled her with awe; the sight of smiling children in the Sanctuary gave her great pleasure. She was quick to laugh in a humorous moment, and just as tender when called upon. Always willing to give of herself, she maintained relationships with family and friends, even as her sight and hearing failed.

Helen taught me many things, both spoken and unspoken. Her love of Judaism, her dedicated life of service to the Synagogue, her wisdom about people, and her determination to maintain independence well into her 100th year, set an example of a life well-lived. In June, we celebrated her birthday with a special *Shabbat* service.

On February 2, she died peacefully, in her own home, with a firm conviction that she was joining those she so loved who had gone before her.

May her memory remain for a blessing.

Floy Kaminski

## From the Rabbi

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serious and strong commitment to Judaism.

Still, this approach has two weaknesses. For most of us, "not yet" is just a more polite way of saying "no" or "not ever"; few of us have either the will or the self-discipline of a Franz Rosenzweig to sustain such an effort. "Not yet" also fails to recognize the possibility that not all things can be studied or dissected—that, in large measure, ritual contains intrinsic beauty and meaning that cannot be discerned by peering in from the outside. Sometimes doing—and doing again and again—has to precede understanding. Lee Meyerhoff Hendler is the author of the autobiographical *The Year Mom Got Religion*.

In it she writes that this is "the central lesson of the Sinaitic revelation: God expected us to do before we completely understood, to submit to divine will in faith even when reason or feelings would have us do otherwise. During High Holiday services in 1993, I was offered an aliyah again. This time I accepted the honor, and when I stood before the ark, I felt overwhelming awe. I wanted to reach out and touch the breastplates, glittering against the scrolls. I wanted to smell the parchment, touch the wood finials, nuzzle the needlework. I wanted to experience Torah with my senses instead of my brain. Of course, I did none of these things. I behaved with absolute propriety. But I was gripping my machzor to keep my twitching fingers busy. Later that day, I asked a friend what the

Hebrew letters mounted inside the ark meant. 'Know before whom you stand,' he said, 'for you are standing in the presence of the Lord.' Tears welled up involuntarily. I had actually *felt* the meaning—a gift I would never have received if I had continued claiming I had to wait to do it until I was 'ready." [emphasis added]

What are we waiting for?

Your rabbis, cantors and educators are ready and eager to guide you on this spiritual journey, whatever your starting point may be, to wherever it may end... Passover, with its abundance of customs, rituals and observances, is a great place to start!

Kenneth A. Stern Rabbi

# Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Enriching our

Jewish Lives

and Practice

Prayer

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# **Prayer and Practice Study Groups**

These in-depth study groups are a great way to spend more intimate time with your clergy and community.

#### Hands-On Judaism

Practice rituals hands-on with Rabbi Stern on four **Mondays**,

8:00 pm - 9:15 pm.

**April 3**: Learn to tie the knots of the tallit and to make your own.

**April 10**: Look inside the boxes of *tefillin* and learn to wrap them upon yourselves.

**April 17**: Visit a *matzah* factory and find out how they are baked in exactly 18 minutes.

**April 24**: Learn the Jewish practices of eating – from hand washing to *motzei* to *Birkat Hamazon*, the grace after meals.

Women's Voices in Jewish Prayer and Practice
Tuesdays, April 4 & 25, 6:30 pm –
8:00 pm: Join with Cantor Abramson in exploring the traditions, rituals and spiritual yearnings that have guided the path for modern Jewish women.

A Doorway Into the Soul
Tuesdays, April 4 & 25, 7:00 pm –
8:30 pm: Get closer to the heightened

sense of *kavannah*, or intent and meaning, in prayer and practice. Share with Cantor Lefkowitz his experiences from leading the congregation in prayer

each week, as well as his personal methods of gaining and maintaining inspiration through davening.

# The Disciplines of Jewish Living

Learn about two disciplines in our Jewish lives, *Kashrut* 

and the daily Minyan.

Tuesdays, April 4 & 25, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Visit with Mrs. Lincoln and see first-hand how to set up a Kosher kitchen and to learn why this is a meaningful ritual in modern times. There will also be chance to discuss the challenges of changing over to a Kosher lifestyle in the 21st century. Mondays, May 1 & 8, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm. With Rabbi Lincoln's help, deconstruct the daily *Minyan* by

participating in the evening *Minyan* at P.A.S. in the Appleman Chapel and then learning the content of the prayers and why the *Minyan* is an integral part of daily Jewish living.

#### Rabbi Rachel Cowan To Speak at P.A.S.



Come to *Shabbat*Services on **Friday**, **April 28** at 6:15 pm,
and then join us at a **Congregational Shabbat Dinner** to
hear Rabbi Rachel
Cowan, director of
the Institute for

Jewish Spirituality, speak about "Finding Your Own Spiritual Path." The dinner cost is \$35/adults, \$15/children and is cosponsored by the 2006 Theme Committee and WEG. Reservations are required; please contact FamilyEd@pasyn.org or (212) 369-2600, ext.140. Rabbi Cowan will also teach at the Havurah Service on Shabbat, April 29 at 9:30 am.

#### In the P.A.S. Art Gallery

Come and see the beautiful *Megillat Esther:* A *Graphic Novel* by artist J.T. Waldman.

# **Passover Art Workshop**

Everyone is invited on **Sunday**, **April 2**, **10:00 am – 12:00 Noon** to create something beautiful for Passover with Ellen Alt and Sarah Gribetz. This workshop is perfect for the whole family.

# **Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach**

Calling all women and men interested in joining the committee that runs the Vicki K. Wimpfheimer *Mitzvah* Day and many other projects to "heal the world." We will meet on **Thursday**, **April 6**, **6:30 pm – 7:30 pm** to discuss

upcoming projects. Bring your ideas, your enthusiasm and your desire to change the world. Please contact cochair Marlene Muskin at *idts52@aol.com* or (212) 427-8778 if you are interested in joining the committee or if you can't attend the meeting but would like more information.

# Rinah U'Tefilah: A Joyous Friday Night Service

Put a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips on **Friday**, **April 7 at 6:15 pm** at this service that will provide you with a spiritual bridge

from the hectic pace of the week to the serenity of *Shabbat*. A festive *Kiddush* will follow.



#### Seminary Shabbat

In celebration of the close connection between Park Avenue Synagogue and the Jewish Theological Seminary, come to our annual Seminary

Shabbat on Saturday, April 8 at 9:15

am. We are honored that J.T.S. Chancellor Dr. Ismar Schorsch will speak to the congregation during the service. During his tenure as. Chancellor, Dr. Schorsch has become increasingly recognized as one of the foremost spokesmen on a range of critical issues. He brings a unique Jewish dimension to such national issues as the environment, separation of church and state, health care and welfare reform. You won't want to miss Dr. Schorsch's inspiring words.

# Become a Congregational Singer!

If you would like to join the Congregational Singers and participate in the special Shabbat Morning Liturgical Service on Saturday, May 6, the remaining rehearsals are on Thursday, April 6, 6:45 pm-8:00 pm; Monday, April 17, 6:45 pm-8:00 pm; Monday, April 24, 6:45 pm-8:00 pm; Monday, May 1, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm; and Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. Please call the Cantors' assistant, Amy Porter, at (212) 369-2600, ext.128 if you would like to sing in this service.

#### The P.A.S. Israel **Committee**

The mission of the Israel Committee is to educate all segments of our community - from our youngest students to our most mature congregants; to boost our collective sense of connection to the historic land

# Commemorate Yom HaShoah -**Holocaust Remembrance Day**



All of us have a solemn obligation to observe Yom HaShoah and accord it the same religious importance and reverence we give

to Yizkor services and to Tisha B'Av. The murdered victims of the Shoah must be mourned by the entire Jewish people, not just those with a direct familial connection to the dead. We urge all to attend our Congregational Yom HaShoah Memorial Service on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm when Holocaust survivor Ernest W.

Michel will speak.

Mr. Michel, an author, lecturer and community leader, served as Executive Vice President of the UIA-Federation of New York from 1970 to 1989. He continues his active involvement as Consultant and Executive Vice President Emeritus. Prominent among survivors, Mr. Michel was born in Germany and was sent to his first camp at age 16 in 1939. After almost six years in some of the most notorious Nazi concentration camps, he escaped from a death march before the end of World War II. His critically acclaimed autobiography, Promises to Keep, was published in 1993.

(Eretz Yisrael) and to the modern State of Israel, and to express, in balanced and appropriate ways, our communal

support of Israel. The Israel Committee serves the P.A.S. community



providing programming, awareness and a unified commitment of purpose in support of the State of Israel. For more

information, please call the co-chairs, Doree Greenberg (212) 628-6181 or Kathy Grunfeld (212) 580-9153.

# Did you know...?

- In 1984 and 1991, Israel airlifted a total of 22,000 Ethiopian Jews at risk in Ethiopia to safety in Israel?
- Israel is the only country in the world where there were more trees at the end of the 20th Century than there were at the beginning?

More reasons that we love Israel to follow in next month's Bulletin. \$\Price\$





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Andrew Fier, President

# Arms' Programs & Events

# Sisterhood: Daytime Book Discussion

Join us on **Monday**, **April 3 at 11:00 am** to participate in or just listen to a stimulating discussion of *Martyrs' Crossing*, by Amy Wilentz. Coffee and cake will be served.

# Sisterhood: Visit The Jewish Museum

All P.A.S. members are invited to join Sisterhood on **Tuesday**, **April 4 at 1:00 pm**, for a guided tour of "Max Liebermann: From Realism to Impressionism" at The Jewish Museum. Liebermann (1847-1935) was a highly influential painter who helped bring modernism to the German art world. With the coming of the Nazi regime, his work disappeared from German museums, and he was largely forgotten. Most of the paintings in this exhibit have never been seen in the U. S.

We will meet in the Museum lobby, andafter the tour will enjoy a snack at the Weissman Cafe.

## Young Couples Group: Israeli Soldiers Talk About Life on the Front Lines

Meet several Israeli soldiers on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm as they share their personal experiences and recount what it is like to be an integral protector of the most priceless parcel of land in the world to Jews. In what is sure to be a unique and insightful evening (rescheduled from January), these brave soldiers will provide a mirror into day-to-day life on the front lines. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to jansgilman@yahoo.com to get the location as soon as possible; this extraordinary event is sure to fill up rapidly.

## Men's Club: Project Ezra Food Delivery

Brighten the Passover holiday for elderly Lower East Side residents by helping the Men's Club distribute over 350 boxes of food and good wishes to them. Volunteers will meet at the Synagogue on **Sunday**, **April 9 at 9:30 am** and drive High School students to make the deliveries. Volunteer drivers and those who want to walk and help should contact Josh Abelson, (212) 817-1842 or jabelson@juno.com.

# WEG: Study and Socialize on Rosh Hodesh

Moonbeams, a monthly *Rosh Hodesh* study/social experience, invites women of all ages in the congregation to participate in an adventure of learning and friendship on **Thursday, April 27, 7:30 − 9:00 pm**. For more information, consult the Synagogue web site or call Joann Rosoff, (212) 348-4531, or Joan Schefler, (212) 734-0444. ❖

# Synagogue Family

# April B'not Mitzvah Stephanie Lee Rosenfeld April 8, 2006



Stephanie began her introduction to Judaism at her baby naming ceremony at the Park Avenue Synagogue. She continued her religious

journey at the Early Childhood Center and then went on to attend the Stephen Gaynor School. Her favorite subjects are math, reading and writing. Stephanie's summers are spent at Point 'O Pines Camp in Brant Lake, NY where she loves to water-ski and play tennis.

Stephanie has a keen sense of adventure and loves to travel. She has visited London, Italy, the Caribbean and most recently traveled with her family to East Africa and Tanzania.

For her *Bat Mitzvah*, Stephanie will donate a portion of her gifts to Give Kids The World, an organization that creates magical memories for children who suffer from life threatening illnesses, and their families.

She thanks the clergy for their help in preparing her for her *Bat Mitzvah* and her family for their love and support.

# Michelle Polinsky April 29, 2006



Michelle began her education at the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and has continued on through the Congregtional School. She is

currently a seventh grader at The Calhoun School where her favorite subjects are social studies, chorus, theater, and art.

Theater and music are some of Michelle's passions and she is an enthusiastic member of the Our Time Theatre Company, an artistic program for children who stutter. She also enjoys being a Girl Scout and spending

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time with her friends and family. This summer she is looking forward to going to Long Lake Camp for the Arts in the Adirondack Mountains to further pursue her love of acting and singing.

Michelle would like to thank the Park Avenue Synagogue clergy and teachers for their encouragement and support in preparing her for her *Bat Mitzvah*, where she will chant the *Haftorah* for *Rosh Hodesh*.

### **Pride & Congratulations**

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

• Cantor David Lefkowitz, on receiving

an Honorary Doctor of Music degree from The Jewish Theological Seminary.

- Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, on the marriage of their daughter, Raneet Elisheva, to Joseph Scott Barr.
- John & Tanya Neuwirth, on the birth of their son, John Aaron, on January 19.

#### Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Ms. Rachel C. Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Konvisser, Ms. Amy E. Millard, Mr. Eric Press & Dr. Rhonda Press, Mr.

& Ms. Craig Weiner, Mr. & Mrs. Marc Winthrop.

#### **Condolences**

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families, including:

- Joseph Allerhand, on the passing of his father, Irving Allerhand.
- Jane C. Bressler, on the passing of her mother, Hannah Blechner.
- The family of Fannie Cohen.
- Dr. Stephen Comite, on the passing of his father, Morris Comite.

# Jewish Life and Learning

# **Adult Study & Learning**

All adult education courses cost \$25/ members; \$40/ non-members per semester, unless otherwise noted. Sign up now. Call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 142 or email sgribetz@pasyn.org.

### **Learn Hebrew on Mondays** April 17

• Prayer Book Hebrew for Beginners

#### **Cracking the Code**

Beginning Hebrew continues with Micah Peltz **Mondays April 10** & **24** from **6:30 - 7:30 pm**.

# WEG: Making *Aliya*Monday, April 24, 7:30 pm

Hear Leil Leibovitz of *The Jewish* Week speak on his newly published book, *Aliya*, *Three Generations of American-Jewish Immigration to Israel*. Mr. Leibovitz will sign copies of his book, which will be available for sale at the event.

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm; Sarah Gribetz, instructor

# **Study Talmud & Torah** on Tuesdays

- *Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln* Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 8:00 am NO CHARGE
- Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Stern
  Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 11:00 am
  NO CHARGE

# **Study Judaism on Wednesdays**

- Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 10:30 am 11:45 am (except on 4/12, 4/19) Sarah Gribetz, instructor
- Women on the Verge...

Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm (except on 4/12, 4/19)

# **Study & Discuss on Thursdays**

• Lunch 'n' Learn

Ongoing Thursdays, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm NO CHARGE

Members of the Clergy and Education Department, instructors Share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the Synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

• Taste of Torah-Parsha Class
Thursdays, April 6 and 27, 7:00 pm
Rabbi Dawn Rose, instructor
A discussion-based class on the weekly
Torah portion made relevant to our lives.

# Family Education/Kehillah Tot Shabbat

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on *Shabbat* morning, **Saturdays**, **April 1 and April 29**, **11:15 am – 12:00 pm**.

# Edmond de Rothschild Library

by Rabbi Dawn Rose

Passover is a holiday resplendent with meanings and connections. Once we

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Hebrews were slaves in Egypt, and so were Africans in America. The Klezmatics have released a rocking CD that celebrates this joined history, called *Brother Moses Smote the Water*. In this recording, made live in Berlin, they are joined by gospel artists Joshua Nelson and Kathryn Farmer. For a much different sound of liberation, come and hear *Let My People Go! A Jewish & African American Celebration*, featuring

Kim and Reggie Harris, Rabbi Jonathan Kligler, and Pete Seeger. Drop by The Rothschild and try out these jazzy Passover fusions.

Speaking of lively Jewish music, Florence Solomon has generously donated a number of Yiddish records, thereby providing The Rothschild with the beginning of what we hope will become an exciting collection of albums preserved for and accessible to our entire community. If you have Jewish music or storytelling on records that you don't know what to do with, donate them to us. Our heritage—our literature, our language, our music—is much too valuable to let warp in a crowded closet. We didn't escape from Egypt (and everywhere else), just to forget in Manhattan. Have a truly liberating and exciting Passover! ❖

# **News From Our Schools**



# **Congregational School**

by Ron Koas, Education Director

# The Israeli Bustan Seminar

n January, I went to Israel for a seminar with the Leadership Institute for Congregational School Principals. I would like to share with you some of the seminar goals.

"For God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a

land of olive-trees and honey." (Deuteronomy 8:7-8).

Bustan is the word in both Hebrew and Arabic describing a fragrant garden. The bustan is a functional garden designed to cater for the needs of a family household, and therefore includes fruit trees, vegetables and herbs. The internal arrangement of the Bustan reflects on the particular household and its residents. The Israeli Bustan is a metaphor for the variety of "fruits,"

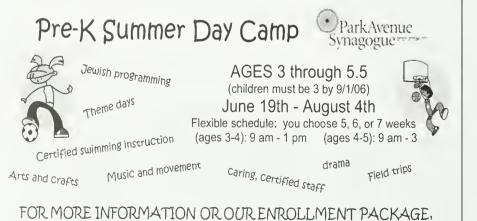
"vegetables" and
"herbs" in
contemporary
Israel, and the
family household,
in this context,
represents Israeli
society today – as
an integral part of
world Jewry.

During the Israeli *Bustan* seminar, we were invited to take an

active journey through this *Bustan*, experience its variety from a Jewish Educational perspective, while grappling with the question of "household" – the role Israel plays in our Jewish educational environments. The Seminar goals were to:

- Challenge the place of Israel among our personal Jewish educational leadership priorities.
- Explore ways that we can strengthen the connection with Israel in our communities.
- Appreciate how the learning of Hebrew can be utilized as both a value and a skill.
- Study Israel while using its sites as 'living texts'.
- Enrich ourselves with creative educational methods and approaches.
- Challenge ourselves with the value of "Jewish Peoplehood" through personal and professional meetings with Israelis.
- Experience multi-faceted education, demonstrating the use of multiple intelligences.

The Seminar was a great experience. Now we have to work together to implement these ideas in our school and in our community.



Call us at 212-369-2600 ext 153

# Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

by Lisa Samick

# Food Pantry Shabbat

ne of the ethical components of Passover is called ma'ot chittim, literally translated as "money for wheat". It is the tradition that a congregation, in the period leading up to Pesach, will raise money so that poor members of the community will



Our High School students are key to the success of The Food Pantry.

have the necessary funds to buy wheat for matzah and to get the foods necessary to have a seder. It is therefore particularly meaningful that we take the first Shabbat of Passover each year to honor the High School

students who complete this mitzvah every week through the Food Pantry.

For those of you, who have not been here on a

Friday afternoon to see the production that occurs in our lobby each week, let me try to describe what you might see: From the security desk back past the elevators is a sea of grocery bags filled with canned foods and dry goods. They are lined up to correspond with the various categories of client - single, double, family, extralarge family. At the front of this parade of food sit some of our volunteers, greeting clients in Spanish and in English. Many of the clients who come

each week and wait outside in the cold, sometimes for hours, before the Pantry opens, know our kids by name, and our kids know them. You would hear our students ask our clients about their week or their family and in return the clients ask our kids about school and about volunteers who might be missing that week. The investment that they demonstrate in each other is at least as touching as the actual distribution.

Our students maintain their own inventory, place orders, package the food bags and manage a database of well over 200 clients and over 30 volunteers. It is an enterprise that belies the fact that it is run by High School students. Their hard work, dedication and caring are an impressive representation of our Synagogue and the best of our

community.

I hope you will join us at the Food **Pantry** Shabbat Service on April 15 at 9:15 am as we pay tribute to the incredible work our students do each week. 🌣





# Calling All Children With an April Birthday

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with an April birthday will be called up to the bimah and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, Friday evening, April 21 at 6:15 p.m. Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

# The 2nd Annual P.A.S. Gala Benefit



















More than 280 people gathered at P.A.S. on Saturday evening, March 4 for the 2nd Annual Park Avenue Synagogue Gala. It was an unforgettable evening of food, fun, and fellowship in honor of Cantor David Lefkowitz, Cantor Nancy Abramson and Music at

P.A.S. We saw a fantastic video, danced, ate, drank, mingled with friends and supported our Synagogue. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our co-chairs Susan Edelstein and Nancy Hirshtritt, and the Gala Committee. 

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# Contributions

#### **Bible Fund**

Mrs. Judith Nadelmann, in memory of her beloved husband, Rabbi Ludwig Nadelmann.

#### **Bikur Cholim**

Judge & Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, in memory of Cantor Yitzchak Braun, father of Leah Modlin.

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Barrie & Leah Modlin, in memory of Helen Hahn.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in memory of Cantor Yitzchak Braun, father of Leah Modlin.

Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in memory of her beloved father, Murray J. Weinstein.

#### **Vivian Finkel Education Fund**

Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Stacey Schreiber and Josh Cohen

Vivian & Milton Finkel, in memory of Helen Hahn and Rabbi Sandy Hahn with whom I taught at Park Avenue Synagogue 54 years ago.

#### **Hesed Fund**

Mrs. Carol Antler. in memory of her beloved father, Frederick Rothstein.

**Bikur Cholim** 

In Loving Memory of

#### **High School Food Pantry**

Harriet Abramson, in honor of Emily Spiera on her Bat Mitzvah.

The Bass Family, in honor of Roz Kaplan's special birthday.

Richard & Karen Bass, in

Mr. Edward Cohen, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Leon Demb. welcome to Rachel Abelson and Mazel Tov to her proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Josh Abelson.

Mr. Leon Demb, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Spiera, granddaughter of

father, Cantor Yitzchak Braun.

Mrs. Randie Malinsky, in loving memory of her father, Ira Waldbaum.

David & Robin Mitchell, in honor of their daughter Alexandra's Bat Mitzvah.

Mrs. Marlene Muskin, in

#### Kol Nidre Appeal

(through 2/28/06)

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dressner Mr. Irving Hoffman

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Muskin

Dr. & Mrs. Harris Nagler Mrs. Sandra Schneider

**Liturgical Music** 

# Fund

Laurie & Maury Harris, in honor of Stacey Schreiber and Joshua Cohen.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of the upcoming marriage of Stacey Schreiber and Josh Cohen.

#### **Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Dr. Howard Murad, in memory of Hal Hoder.

#### **Nursery School Fund**

Tivia & Richard Kramer, in honor of Carol Hendin.

#### **Prayer Book Fund**

Mrs. Ruth Levenson, in memory of her beloved husband, Ralph Levenson.

Jacqueline & Bob Willens, in memory of Kate Kaplan, mother of Dr. Andrew S. Kaplan.

#### Kalman Selig Book **Fund**

Mrs. Kalman Selig, in memory of her beloved husband, Kalman Selig.

#### **Welfare Fund**

Abbye & Steve Bosses, in memory of Gail Mutterperl.

Mr. Milton Fuchs.

Mrs. Randie Malinsky, in loving memory of her father, Ira Waldbaum.

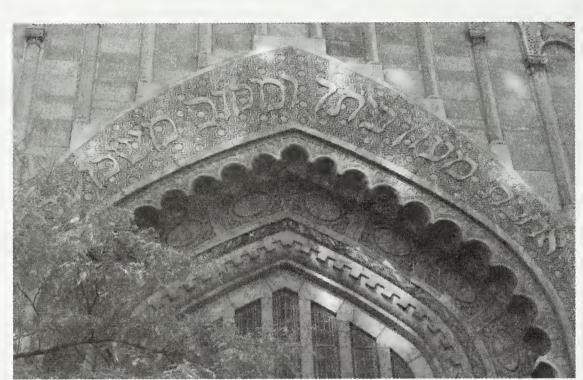
#### **Yiddish Club Fund**

Mrs. Florence Solomon, in memory of Dr. Sonia Komisar.

#### **Synagogue Offerings**

Richard & Stephanie Abraham, in honor of Helen Hahn's love for Park Avenue Synagogue.

Dr. Herbert Abrams, in memory of his beloved



honor of Larry & Lynn Schan.

Richard & Karen Bass, in memory of the beloved father of Susan Levy.

Louis Bernstein & Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Ceisler, in memory of her beloved mother. Ruth Natelson Pollack.

Mr. & Mrs. Sylvan Schefler.

Mr. Douglas Eisert, in honor of Emily Spiera's Bat Mitzvah.

Mr. Douglas Eisert, in honor of Stacey Schreiber and Josh Cohen's upcoming wedding.

Rachael & Mark First, in memory of Harold Ernest Hoder, father of Jena Berlinski.

Rachael & Mark First, in memory of Stanley Christenfeld, father of Emily Grad.

Herta & Ernie Gottschalk, in honor of the marriage of Josh Cohen and Stacey Schreiber, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schreiber.

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.

Stanley & Jane Kreinik, in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Joan & Paul Schreiber's daughter, Stacey, and Joshua Cohen.

Stanley & Jane Kreinik, in memory of Leah Modlin's honor of Lynn Schneider, thank you for your invaluable help always.

Mrs. Josephine Berger Nadler, in memory of Cantor Yitzchak Braun, father of Leah Modlin.

Dr. & Mrs. Alain Roizen, in honor of Stacey Schreiber and Josh Cohen's forthcoming marriage.

Sylvan & Joan Schefler, in memory of Lilian Bierman.

Mr. David Shustak, in honor of Leon Demb's birthday.

Henry & Susan Vogelstein, in memory of Cantor Yitzchak Braun, father of Leah Modlin.

Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in loving memory of her brother, Ira Neal Weinstein.

Meryl E. Wiener & Barry A. Bryer, in honor of the marriage of Stacey Schreiber and Josh Cohen

Meryl E. Wiener, in honor of her birthday.

#### Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from

compassionate personal attention?

**Caring Committee** 

The P.A.S. Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to these valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at (212) 369-2600, ext. 120.

father, Harold Abrams.

Mr. & Mrs. Harris Amster, in honor of their anniversary.

Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, in memory of her beloved brother, Louis Pakter Bachman.

Mrs. Shirley Benowitz, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Max Berger, in memory of his beloved father, Isadore Berger.

Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Anna Bernstein.

Mr. Mark Bernstein, in memory of his beloved mother, Stella Bernstein.

Mr. Mordecai Braunstein, in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Braunstein.

Mr. H. Paul Burak, in memory of his beloved mother, Bette H. Burak.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Charrow, in honor of their anniversary and Daniel's birthday.

Mr. Wallace Chavkin.

Ms. Barbara Cooper, in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Berman.

Mrs. Jacqueline Dack, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Simon Dack.

Dr. Juliet Diller, in memory of her beloved sister, Blanche Rubin.

Mr. Harvey Drachman, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Miriam E. & Mark Drachman.

Barbara & Herb Drill, in memory of Helen Hahn.

Mrs. Karen Frankel, in memory of her beloved sister, Dr. Shelley Laby Gottheim.

Dr. Herbert Frommer, in memory of his beloved father, Benjamin Frommer.

Mrs. Gail Furman, in memory of her beloved mother, Deborah Babus Gorin.

Mr. Clifford Gelb, in memory of his beloved father, Al Gelb.

Mrs. Erica Goldberg, in honor of Rachael First's birthday.

Mr. William Gorin, in memory of his beloved mother, Deborah Babus Gorin.

Ms. Jessica Gribetz.

Mr. Fred H. Hill, in memory of Maxwell Malsin.

Nancy & Joel Hirschtritt, in honor of the marriage of Joan & Paul Schreiber's daughter, Stacey, to Josh Cohen.

Nancy & Joel Hirschtritt, in memory of Irving Allerhand, father of Joseph Allerhand.

Mrs. Jennifer S. Hoine, in memory of her beloved father, Henry Schwalbe.

Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of Seymour Schechter.

Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of her beloved father, Martin Davis.

Mr. Alan Jacobs, in memory of his beloved father, Herbert E. Jacobs.

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Dorothy Kaufman, in memory of her beloved mother, Fannie Jarcho.

Mrs. Gladys Kessler, in memory of her beloved brother, Bernard Bloomfield.

Mrs. Gladys Kessler, in memory of her beloved mother, Tilly Millian Bloomfield.

Mrs. Susan Wiener Krevat, in memory of her beloved father, Edward Wiener.

Mr. Stephen Langford, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Florence Lapidus, in memory of her beloved mother, Anna Schmerzler.

Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in memory of her beloved sister, Sarah Ehrenberg.

Jack & Rose Less, in memory of Betty Garber.

Jack & Rose Less, Mazal Tov to Joann & Morton Davis on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Noah & Danielle Ginsberg, and to their parents, Jeff & Gabrielle.

Alan & Alison Levine, in memory of Leah Modlin's father, Cantor Yitzchak Braun.

Mr. Paul Levine, in honor of his birthday.

Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of Stacey Schreiber and Josh Cohen.

Mr. Joseph Lonner, in honor of his birthday.

Drs. Joel & Helene Lupatkin, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Eileen Lewis-Lurin, in memory of her beloved mother, Esther F. Lewis.

Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie Moskowitz.

Mrs. Randie Malinsky, in loving memory of her father, Ira Waldbaum.

Mrs. Natalie Marcus, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Freiman.

Mrs. Rita Matthews, in memory of her beloved father, Rabbi Sol Rolnick.

Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Helen Hahn.

Mrs. Janet Moss, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Herbert Nadler, in memory of his beloved father, Jack Nadler.

John & Tanya Neuwirth, in honor of of the birth of their son, Jacob Aaron, on January 19, 2006.

Dr. Barbara Cammer Paris, in memory of Helen Hahn.

Dr. Morris M. Podolsky & Laurie Ferber Podolsky, in honor of their anniversary. Dr. Brian Pollack, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Sadie Pordy.

Leah & Allan Rabinowitz, in memory of Dr. Sonia Komisar.

Mrs. Phyllis Rosenberg, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Imre Roth, in memory of his beloved father, Herman Roth.

Mrs. Henry Schneider, in memory of her beloved husband, Henry Schneider.

Mrs. Jacqueline B. Schneider, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Barasch, and in memory of her beloved daughter, Barbara Schnieder Bruckner.

Dr. Michael Seiden, in memory of his beloved mother, Beatrice Seiden.

Dr. Gloria Shafer, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Marc Silberberg, in blessed memory of his mother, Ann Silberberg.

Mr. Joel Silver, in memory of his beloved mother, Fannie Silver.

Mr. Leo Silverstein, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Martha & Max Silverstein.

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Snell, in honor of their anniversary.

Dr. & Mrs. Martin Spergel, in honor of their anniversary.

Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Stein, in memory of Stanley

Christenfeld, father of Emily Christenfeld Grad.

Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Stein, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of Samara Flug.

Mrs. Jutta Tannhauser, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Roxana Tetenbaum, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Sobie.

Mr. Marvin Torker, in honor of his birthday.

Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in memory of her beloved mother, Juliette Rosenblum Wahl.

Ms. Carol Walker, in memory of Helen Hahn.

Mr. Marvin Weinberg, in honor of his birthday.

Lois & Gary Weiss, in honor of Samara Flug on her *Bat Mitzvah*.

Ms. Irene Winkelman, in honor of her mother, Gussie G. Winkelman's *Yahrzeit* on February 16.

Mrs. Ellen Yuder, in memory of her beloved father, Larry Davidman.

Mrs. Laure Zacharias, in memory of her beloved father, Arthur Zivy.

Mr. Jacques L. Zakin, in memory of his father, Mordecai Zakin.

Mrs. Phyllis Zilkha, in honor of her birthday.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Wendy and Harvey Goldhersz

# VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORABILIA NEEDED FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Anniversary/Archives Committee is looking for:

- 1. Volunteers and summer student interns to help with archives and exhibitions. Time commitment is flexible.
- 2. Pictures and memorabilia from any celebration held at the Synagogue, or related to Synagogue history. We especially want photos involving the Torah, such as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, or other events on the Bimah. We also need photos of any school activities. Please label with names, dates, and occasion, and whether you want the item returned.

CONTACT: Laurie Harris, 212-570-9628, mllcharris@aol.com or Marcia Stone, 212-570-6239, mstone8072@aol.com



# Celebrate Israel Independence Day!

# Mark your calendar now!

Israel Parade Art Workshop
Sunday, May 7, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
This couldn't be more fun for one and all!
Participants will work together as we create the banner and props for the Salute to Israel Independence Day Parade in June. Families with children in Grades 3 & up are welcome.

# Congregation-Wide Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration

Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! This wonderful event will feature DJ Kapuano straight from the clubs of Tel Aviv! Dance with us to music ranging from traditional Israeli songs to the latest hits.

Enjoy Israeli food and wine.

# Salute to Israel Independence Day Parade

Sunday, June 4

Don't miss this opportunity to march up Fifth Avenue showing your love and commitment to Israel. All participants will get a Park Avenue Synagogue T-shirt.



All events co-sponsored by the P.A.S. Israel Committee

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS for APRIL 2006

All information is subject to change. Please confirm with the Synagogue office.

10:00 am CS Shabbat B'yachad 11:00 am Nitzanim Service 11:15 am Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Minha Speaker, Rabbi Rachel 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:00 am Junier Congregation 11:00 am *Nitzanim* Service 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Nitzanim Service 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah Service-11:15 am Tot Shabbat Service 7:30 am Has kama Service 9:15 am San tuary Service 6:00 pm Min a 9:15 am Sanctuary Service-7:30 am *Hası kama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 7:30 am Hashkama Service Speaker, Dr. Ismar SATURDAY Parsha Tazria-Metzora Food Pantry Shabbat Schorsch Seminary Shabbat 6:00 pm Minna Parsha Vayikra Parsha Shmini Parsha Tzav ω 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm Prayer & Practice **Children's Birthday Service** 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:23 pm Light Candles Shabbat Dinner-Speaker, Rabbi Rachel 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:15 pm Light Candles **Last Day of ECC Classes** 6:15 pm *Rinah U'Tefilah* Friday 7:30 am Hashkama Service Second Day of Passover Synagogue Offices Closed **Evening Service** 7:30 pm Light Candles 7:08 pm Light Candles ECCPA=Early Childhood Center Parents Association CSPA=Congregational School Parents Association HS=Rabbi Judah Nadich High School 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 4:00 pm CS Model *Seders* 6:30 pm *Tikkun Olam* Committee 8:15 pm Congregational Second Eighth Day of Passover Synagogue Offices Closed 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service w/ ECC=Early Childhood Center CS=Congregational School 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 7:00 pm Parsha Class 7:30 pm Noonbeams Synagogue Offices Closed 8:16 pm Light Candles 7:00 pm Parsha Class First day of Passover Second Seder ECC Seders by Class meeting 7:30 pm Minha 27 9 Synagogue Offices Close 1:00 pm 7:15 am Siyum for the First Born 6:45 pm Sanctuary Service 7:30 pm Young Couples Group 6:15 pm Congregational *Yom* HaShoah Service & Program-Speaker, 12:30 pm Adult Women on the 7:13 pm Light Candles 7:30 pm Congregational First Seder\* 12:30 pm Adult Women on the 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 6:15 pm *Minha* 8:23 pm Light Candles Service & Program Orientation Meeting 10:30 am Everything...About 5:00 pm HS Yom HaShoah 10:30 am Everything...About 4:30 pm CS Yom HaShoah Verge... Class 4:00 pm CS Model *Seders* 7:00 pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Synagogue Offices Closed WEDNESDAY Seventh Day of Passover Ernest Michel Judaism Class Fast of the First Born First Seder ECC Seders by Class Program Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am Minha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm Monday - Friday at 7:15 am DAILY MINYANIM Saturdays at 56:00 pm S Linccln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Synagogue Offices Close 1:00 pm 7:00 am Service 8:00 am Talm./d Study w/ Rabbi 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi 6:30 pm Women's Voices 7:30 pm Doorway into the Soul 8:00 pm Disciplines Class 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi 6:30 pm Women's Voices Class 7:00 pm Doorway Into the Soul 7:25 pm Men's Club Board 1:00 pm Sisterhood Museum Service & Program 11:00 am Tues ay Topics w/ 4:30 pm CS Yom HaShoah 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ 4:00 pm CS Model Seders 8:00 pm Disciplines Class 6:15 pm Service 7:20 pm Light Candles Last Day of CS Classes Rabt i Stern Rabbi Stern Rabb Stern Hol Hamoed Pesach ECC Seders by Class Meeting Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln Yom HaShoah 700 25 7:00 am Service 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting 8:00 pm Hands On Judaism 7:30 pm WEG Event 8:00 pm Hands On Judaism Class Discussion Group 6:30 pm Next Step/ CS Open 4:00 pm CS Model *Seders* 8:00 pm Hands On Judaism Class Beg. 8:00 pm Hands On Judaism ECC & CS Classes Resume 11:00 am Sisterhood Book 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Hol Hamoed Pesach ECC Seders by Class ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY t 1 THE EDMOND DE Schedule of Hours: 10:30 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 10 24 Daylight Savings Time Begins 10:00 am Passover Art Workshop 9:30 am HS Project Ezra Food Deliveries Wednesdays Thursdays Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00 am Service Mondays Tuesdays

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# A Look Ahead

#### Sisterhood: Yiddish Club

Tuesday, May 2, 1:00 pm Come to schmooze and listen to recordings of Jewish songs. Coffee and cake will be served.

# Spend a Day Celebrating Israel!

Sunday, May 7
Israel Parade Art Workshop,
10:00 am-11:30 am
Congregation-Wide *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*Celebration, 4:00 pm-5:45 pm

#### **Evening Book Discussion**

Monday, May 8, 8:00 pm Join in a discussion of *A Book That Was Lost and Other Stories*, led by Pat Davidson.

#### J.T.S. Garden Party

Monday, May 15 The Jewish Theological Seminary and Park Avenue Synagogue invite you to a *Lag B'Omer* Garden Party at J.T.S. For information, contact Darone Ruskay at (212) 678-8861. More details to follow.

# Sisterhood: Film and Discussion

Tuesday, May 16, 1:00 pm View and discuss *Almonds and Raisins: Yiddish Cinema in America*, narrated by Orson Welles. A light lunch will be provided.

# Sisterhood: Daytime Book Discussion

Monday, May 22, 11:00 am

Join us for a discussion of *There Are Jews in My House*, by Lara Vapnyar, and have some coffee and cake.

# **WEG: Learn the History** of Silver Jewelry

Monday, May 22 at 7:30 pm Daniel and Serga Nadler will make a presentation based on their book, Silver From Fetish to Fashion.

#### **Men's Retiree Group**

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Discuss international politics, Israel, local issues. Call Mr. Levine, (212) 988-8989, for more information.

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